(b) to (d) Presently, two number of rest areas at kilometre 23 and 79 of Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway project in Gujarat are proposed to be constructed.

Four lane road between Durg and Raipur

†293. SHRI JHUMIK LAL BHENDIA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the time-frame fixed for completion of four lane road between Durg and Raipur at National Highway. No. 6 togetherwith the cost likely to be incurred thereon;

(b) whether the ban on cutting of trees in this area has been removed;

(c) if so, the number of trees identified for felling to finalise this work; and

(d) whether there is any plan to move a campaign for replantation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDU] : (a) According to the present position, the four laning of Durg—Raipur section is targeted to be completed by December, 2005. Likely cost of the project is Rs. 50 crores excluding Interest During Construction (IDC).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 2308 nos.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Construction of road in Pauri Gharwal, Uttaranchal

294. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government propose to construct a road linking Satpuli-Vyaschatti with Allasu and near by villages in Kaljikhal block, Pauri Gharwal, Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made so far;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government have received any representation for change in the proposed road plan which would cover Allasu. Bhatkoti, the district of Pauri Gharwal, Uttaranchal; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto, including the details of the action taken and by when this road would be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI] : (a) The Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. Besides funds are provided for improvement of some State roads under Central Road Fund. The road linking Satpuli—Vyaschatti is not a National Highway. Also, no such proposal has been received from the Government of Uttaranchal so far under Central Road Fund.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Stopping of buses along Metro Rail tracks

295. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 11th June, 2002 under the caption "Metro Rail wants to stop buses along its tracks";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether it is proposed to accept the suggestion made by Metro Rail. and if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI] : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter pertains to Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation. As per the information obtained from them, the proposal of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation is not to completely stop buses along the Metro Rail tracks. The proposal is to re-route some of the bus routes to enable the Metro Rail and Bus System to function in an integrated manner so that they complement and not compete with each other.